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ACCOUNT

Of that most dreadful Fire,

Which happened at



WAPPING

On Sunday Night the nineteenth of this
instant *Novemb.* between 10 and 11 a clock

With a true Account as near as can yet be given, of
the manner of its first beginning, the number of
houses burnt down, and of the number of per-
sons that have perished in the raging Flames.

Last Night being the 19th of *November*, a dreadful Fire hap-
pened at the house of one Captain, *Allen*, a Sea-Captain,
Living in *Cinnamon-Lane* near *Whapping*, through the negli-
gence of an idle Fellow, by Profession a *Sawyer*, who Lodg-
ed in a Garret of the said House, he coming home drunk, being care-
less of his Candle, it fell amongst some Shavings, and immedi-
ately fastned upon the Boards and consumed that House, and altho
it was immediately discovered and help coming in, yet the wind

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being at South-West and blowing so violently the Engines could not Play with any success; but the Engineers were not wanting in their Industry, but had taken so much pains, that seven or eight were broke in the Service. The Fire growing Vigorous, it fastned upon a new Ship upon the Stocks, in Sir *William Warrens* Yard. The Labouring men not knowing how to suppress the fury of the Flames, bored holes thorow her, and it being then high-water, sunk her; by which means she was preserved.

His Grace, the Duke of *Albemarle* and the Earl of *Craven* came thither this morning about two of the Clock, and ordered the blowing up of several Houses to prevent its further Progress, but all that they could do though assisted by a number of people proved very ineffectual, the Fire flaming with that impetuosity, that no Art could stop it, in the several Attempts to blow up Houses, several poor Creatures perished in the Ruines, many say nine, but most say seven perished altogether in one House.

It is reported that the Lady *Ivy* living in *Gravel-Lane* is endamaged some hundreds of pounds *Per Annum*, Sir *William Warren* owned the most part of *Cinamon-Lane*, but thanks to the insuring Office he is like to redeem satisfaction for 500 *l. Per Annum*. It is believed that there are at least six or seven hundred houses burned to the Ground, it being a Mile in Compass, and it is to be feared it will do more considerable damage, it being not yet Extinguished at 12 a Clock, but flaming then with an unresisted force. This is as full an Account as can at present be given.

The damage done by water was very inconsiderable, a *Pink* of a small value being only consumed, but the loss by houses and household-stuff in a small time cannot be computed. Thus we see what vast Treasures may be devoured in a Moment of time, through the Negligence of one careless man. One would think the many Fires that have been, might put every man upon a more then ordinary Watchfulness. But alas! how soon are those awakening Judgments forgotten; a Month hence possibly this Fire will be so little in the thoughts of some as if it had never been, those that are the least sufferers will be soonest apt to forget it. But the Lord knows how suddainly those that are now safe may be smitten with the same Rod. All are concerned to be very Circumspect and careful, least the same or such like unhappy Judgment surprizes them in their security. Now the Inhabitants of *Wapping* are visited by a severe affliction, who knows in how little time, others that think themselves secure, may be involved in the same disease, which the Lord of his infinite mercy, preserve our flourishing City, not only from the Malice, Envy, and Subtily of the Papist, but from a supine Negligence and Security.